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On-campus residents say maintenance repair lags

KEVIN RAND
STAFF WRITER

Faulty shower water pressure, broken cable boxes and broken drawers are a problem for some who live in San Jose State University's Campus Village.

Some residents say that their maintenance requests for defective fixtures are not being fulfilled within a reasonable amount of time while others say they are satisfied with the time it takes to have their maintenance requests filled.

Last semester, Kittie Buck, a freshman majoring in child development, said she was put on a priority waiting list to have the water pressure problem in her shower fixed.

"They were saying it could take any amount of time," Buck said. "But higher priorities would come first ... it took about a month for them to come."

Buck said she called the maintenance hotline because the online service was not yet running. She said when maintenance came it took two minutes to fix the problem.

The SJSU housing Web site has a link to a maintenance request form that must be filled out and sent online. The form requires the student's name, school ID number, room number and e-mail address.

Kevina Brown, the community relations coordinator for University Housing Services said there are two ways to request maintenance to fix problems in campus student housing.

"We have a maintenance request line they can call," Brown said, "or they can fill out an online maintenance request form."

Christopher Salguero, a junior with an undeclared major, said he filled out the online maintenance request form and was pleased with the maintenance he received.

"The drawers in my desk were completely broken," Salguero said. "Three of the drawers were stuck."

He said he filled out an online maintenance request form on Thursday and that by the middle of the next week drawers were fixed.

"That new online thing works really fast," Salguero said.

Others said it took longer for maintenance to respond to their requests.

One student, Jeff Sinclair, a junior majoring in environmental studies, said he had switched rooms during the beginning of the first semester and his cable box was not working.

"I had to wait a month for a new (cable) box," Sinclair said. "I had to put my name on a list."

Sinclair said the cable box is listed as "furniture" for the Campus Village rooms and that part of his \$806 per-month rent is meant to pay for furniture.

"I'm paying for that furniture that's in the lease, and it's broken," Sinclair said.

According to the SJSU housing Web site, Internet, utilities and cable costs are included in the rent.

Student fees for Campus Village apartments and suites, which opened in Fall 2005, vary depending on the type and size of the residence.

Rates range from \$605 per school month for double occupancy apartments up to \$1,193.50 per school month for double occupancy suites. Meal plans are paid in addition to the room fees, according to the SJSU housing Web site.

Campus Village resident, Chelsea Burr, a junior majoring in business, said she has a sink faucet handle that keeps falling off. She said she has not yet reported the problem to maintenance.

However, last year, Burr said she had sink pipes that were not draining properly. She called maintenance and they did not take long to fix the pipes, she said.



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Decades-old parking structures still safe

MARK POWELL
STAFF WRITER

Despite being upwards of 40 years old, the three parking garages currently used by San Jose State University students and employees are structurally safe, university officials said.

Structural checks administered by the California State University's Seismic Review Board "occur as needed," said James Renelle, support services lieutenant for traffic and parking.

"The checks are not really done on a specific time frame," Renelle said. "There was a seismic evaluation on all of campus last year, I believe."

According to Renelle, the Seventh Street garage is the oldest parking garage used by SJSU, having been built around 1962 or 1963. Renelle added that 10th Street garage was constructed in 1970 and Fourth Street garage was built around 1985

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ABOVE: Cars flow out of the Seventh Street garage's main exit Tuesday. TOP: A sight many students see everyday is the main entrance to the Seventh Street garage, which is used for daily student parking, as well as housing and employees.

Poetry contest open to SJSU students

Style to reflect poets Edwin Markham and Henry Bland

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The Campus Reading Program and the department of English and comparative literature are sponsoring a poetry contest for students in honor of the great poets who have been a part of San Jose State University's history.

Annette Nellen, director of the Campus Reading Program, said the contest is open to all students who are enrolled at SJSU. The poems must reflect the spirit, style or life of famous SJSU poets Edwin Markham and Henry Bland. Poems are due to Nellen by Feb. 16.

"I think it is a nice way to honor the famous people in our history," Nellen said.

Markham was student at California State Normal School, the school that would later become known as SJSU, in the 1870s. He is famous for his poem "The Man with the Hoe," which was published in 1899, Nellen said.

"Markham is an important inter-

national figure," Nellen said. "It is a shame that people don't know about him."

English and comparative literature Associate Professor Persis Karim said Markham's poem is famous because it was written to reflect the working conditions for California farmers at the turn of the century.

"He was influenced by the Wobblies (labor union)," Karim said. "California was a young state at the time and there was possibility for democracy and prosperity. He advocated for labor reform for children. This one poem catapulted him to success."

Alan Soldofsky, director of the creative writing program, said Markham's work influenced other Bay Area writers such as George Sterling and Jack London.

The other poet spotlighted by this contest, Bland, was a professor at SJSU during the turn of the 20th century, Soldofsky said.

Karim, who is teaching a poetry class this semester, said Bland wrote poetry that "celebrated the spirit of

California."

Bland was named the second poet laureate in the state of California in 1929, Nellen said.

As a professor at SJSU, Bland made several contributions such as helping students create the Short Story Club and the Browning Literacy Club, which promoted the study of Robert Browning's poetry, Nellen said.

Plaques on the West side of Tower Hall immortalize Bland and Markham.

Rachelle Escamilla, student president of the Poets and Writers Coalition, said since most students don't know about the impact of Markham and Bland, the Coalition will be hosting a reading of Markham and Bland's poetry on Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the English department student lounge in the Faculty Office Building room 113.

"Markham and Bland are poets from another generation, and often times, in literature and life, we find

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Lawsuit may settle out of court

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A San Jose State University janitor has filed a lawsuit against the school, claiming she was sexually harassed by a coworker and unfairly fired after saying she would report the harassment.

In court Tuesday, the lawyer representing the school told the judge her firm has had early discussions of an out-of-court settlement and could make a decision about an independent mediator within a month.

The school's lawyer, Vanessa Inman, declined to talk about the case outside of court.

According to the lawsuit, Maria Ana Carrasco was hired as a university janitor in early January 2004. She claims one of her coworkers, Pedro Garcia, called her "my love, honey, sweetie" and "made numerous hand gestures" indicating that he loved her.

Carrasco claims Garcia also told coworkers not to work with Carrasco because he got jealous. She allegedly tried "over and over" to stop the harassment and complained several times to supervisors.

She was fired May 28, 2004, three days after threatening to report the harassment to the school,

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CSUEB president discusses kite running

Kassing invited Qayoumi to SJSU

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San Jose State University President Don Kassing invited Mo Qayoumi, a contributor to the reconstruction of Afghanistan, to speak as part of a series of events featuring "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini, SJSU's 2006 pick for the Campus Reading Program.

Hosseini's account of the political unrest in Afghanistan has enticed some to learn more about a culture veiled by preconceptions. The popularity of "The Kite Runner" brought fans to the discussion headed by Qayoumi.

"I'm from a small town and we don't have opportunities to learn about new cultures," said Dominique Johnson, an undeclared sophomore. "I want to learn for myself about what is going on there instead of going off of what the media says."

"The Kite Runner" not only revealed exotic customs for students; President Kassing, who is a friend of the speaker, learned more about Afghan traditions.

"I was captured by it, I couldn't put it down," Kassing said. "It was a combination of experiences, it was discovering and learning more about Afghanistan."

"I am very good friends with Mo, who was born in Kabul," Kassing said. And in conversations we had in the past he told me about kite flying in Afghanistan and it didn't make sense to me because I

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FEMINISM FOR EVERYONE:

SJPD needs to develop a new way to clear downtown streets

“I’ll never go out in downtown San Jose again,” is often my thought at the end of a night spent barhopping with my friends.

It’s not that I don’t have fun. I do. I am a very fun person.

The problem I have with downtown San Jose is not with the venues and their cover charges and overpriced drinks. Although my friends and I recently mourned the closing of our favorite nightspot, Sofa Lounge, I feel that downtown San Jose has finally got a good mix of live music venues, dive bars and clubs that attract decent DJs.

My problem is not with the ghetto guys and their tacky pick-up lines, although there is more than enough of that to go around.

My problem is with the San Jose Police Department and their strange street-closing and crowd-control procedures.

I first experienced them five years ago when I was working in the South First Street district, but I found out when I went out last weekend that a lot of those practices are still in place.

On Friday night, my friends and I went dancing at Taste Ultra Lounge on the corner of North San Pedro and West St. John streets.

It’s not my first choice of venues to go to, but Taste

is currently where the boys of Velvet Shop throw their monthly house music party. And I’ll basically follow them anywhere.

Taste has an oddly diverse crowd — hip-hoppers in one room and house heads in the other, both battling it out for control of the dance floors — because of the two wildly different types of music that it plays.

A little after 1:40 a.m. my friend and I were waiting on the sidewalk outside of the club when a bouncer walked by and told us we had to leave. But we couldn’t, since the person with the car keys was still inside the club.

So we moved further down the sidewalk, but soon he told us to move again. And then again—all within the less-than five minutes that we stood outside.

Finally he came out and we began walking toward our car, which was parked in the Market and San Pedro Square garage, and away from the pushy bouncer. Now waiting for us across the street though were approximately 20 SJPD officers dressed in what looked like full riot gear.

Shortly after 1:45 a.m., the cops began to help

“move” the crowd off of the sidewalk and into the garage, following us up the stairs and onto the third floor.

Since I was the sober driver I was not worried about getting pulled over for drunk driving or getting into any kind of trouble. I’m sure there were other people driving who were not in the same situation.

“... the cops began to help ‘move’ the crowd off of the sidewalk and into the garage ...”

I was, however, worried about the reaction SJPD was getting from the crowd.

The officers dispersed throughout the floor, following people to their cars. They were yelling things like “walk to your vehicles” and “move quickly toward the exit.”

When people got to their cars, the cops switched to following behind them, waving their arms and effectively pushing the cars not only toward the exit, but

also toward each other.

It was chaos, and a little bit scary. Car after car almost slammed into us as we competed to get out of the garage and it felt like SJPD was only making it worse.

I’m sorry to my friends at SJPD, but if your actions are making me feel less safe, then I don’t think you are doing your job properly.

In April 2006, SJPD introduced a staggered closing procedure for the South First Street district, which keeps some of the six clubs open later than others to avoid a stream of patrons coming out all at once.

It calls for two, not twenty, officers at the intersection to “help escort patrons to their cars.”

I have yet to see this procedure in action, but if it works better than what I experienced the other night, then I hope they roll it out through all of downtown and make closing time safer for everyone.

Sara Spivey is the Spartan Daily managing editor. “Feminism For Everyone” appears every Wednesday.

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Today

Intramural Dodgeball

Intramural dodgeball tournament entries are due at the General Services Office inside the Student Union. Cost per team is \$20. For more information, call (408) 924-6228.

Intramural Outdoor Soccer

Outdoor soccer sign-ups are due at the General Services Center inside the Student Union. Cost per team is \$45. For more information, contact Dana Moore at dmoore@as.sjsu.edu.

Part-time Jobs Event

Meet with companies looking to hire SJSU students for part-time, seasonal and internship positions. Bring your resumes and be prepared to answer employer questions. The event is from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Student Union. For more information, contact Hilary Houston at Hilary.Houston@sjsu.edu.

SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry

The SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry will be holding a Daily Mass at 12:10 p.m. in the SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry Center. For more information, contact Jose Rubio at (408) 938-1610.

Catholic and Feminist Mass

All are welcome to the Catholic and Feminist mass held by Dr. Victoria Rue, a Roman Catholic woman priest in the Spartan Memorial Chapel at 12 p.m. For more information, contact Victoria Rue at Victoria@victoriarue.com.

Job Search Strategies

Join the Career Center in a seminar on job searching strategies that will help assist students with conducting successful job searches. The event will be held from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in the Career Center. For more information, contact Hilary Houston at Hilary.Houston@sjsu.edu.

QTIP

The Queers Thoughtfully Interrupting Prejudice will be holding its general meeting from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Student Union Almaden room. For more information, e-mail mastavic@mastavic.com.

Library General Collections

A book discussion of this year’s entry in Silicon Valley Reads, “The Tortilla Curtain” by T.C. Boyle, will take place from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library on the 2nd floor, rooms 255 and 257. For more information, contact Rebecca Feind at (408) 808-2397.

Thursday

AIESEC

Come by to an AIESEC info session where you can learn about internships and leadership skills that will be held in the Student Union at 12 and 3 p.m. at the Almaden room and 5 p.m. in the Guadalupe room. For more information, call (408) 205-7058.

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Acts 2 Christian Fellowship

Acts 2 Christian Fellowship has weekly Bible Studies at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union Guadalupe room. For more information, contact Justin Foon at (415) 786-9873 or jfoon1@yahoo.com.

Listening Hour Concert Series

The School of Music & Dance is holding its Listening Hour Concert Series with the SJSU Jazz Faculty Jazz Combo from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. in the Music Building Concert Hall. For more information, contact Joan Stubbe at (408) 924-4649.

GUEST COLUMN:

No dealing with a Valentine this year

Valentine’s Day is coming. You can’t avoid it. It’s red, white and pink wherever you go. I’m glad I don’t have to deal with it this year.

Not having a boyfriend means I don’t have to waste my time looking for some sappy representation of how much I care. I get to save a lot of money too.

Some people get really depressed about not having a significant other this time of year. The lack of love can be heartbreaking and seeing all the happy couples holding hands just makes you want to die inside. I used to be one of those jealous people, but not this year.

For 2007, I decided to give up boys. Some people give up smoking or fattening foods when they make New Year’s resolutions, but I took a different route. I decided to give up on guys all together for a year.

It’s bizarre. It’s unnatural. I could be potentially dumb for going on such a quest, but it is working for me.

With this new take on life, I don’t have to worry about the hassles of having a Valentine, and that makes my life so much easier. Valentine’s Day is a conspiracy as far as I’m concerned.

If you really love someone, why are you waiting until Feb. 14 to show this amazing person that you care? Why can’t it be April 19 or July 10?

Besides, an oversized pink teddy bear isn’t a way of showing affection. Flowers are just going to die and candy is only going to make you fat, so those are pretty weak expressions of love.

A fancy dinner is a one-time thing, and the leftovers will gather mold at the back of the fridge anyway.

Valentine’s Day is just an occasion when people get their hopes up, dreaming that their special someone will treat them to something amazing, but they are normally left disappointed.

Perhaps you think I am a cynic. You think I am someone who has never had a good Valentine’s Day



SAMIE HARTLEY

and is looking to ruin it for everyone else.

Not true. I’ve had several sweet Valentine’s Days in the past. However, if I look at my romance record, all of my relationships in the past five years have dissolved shortly after Feb. 14. I am the self-proclaimed poster child of broken relationships, so skipping Valentine’s Day this year isn’t much to sweat over.

If I desperately wanted attention on that celebratory day of love and passion, all I’d have to do is log on to MySpace to get hit on by countless strangers anyhow.

“Your hott,” wrote one guy from Illinois. Gosh, there is nothing like bad grammar and mis-

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spelled words to get the heart of journalism major going pitter-patter.

Then there is always the guy who offered me a job as the model for his start-up internet porn site. I guess that can be my fallback plan if the whole reporting thing doesn’t work out.

Maybe he saw the picture that prompted one guy to comment, “You look experienced.” I show a little cleavage and suddenly I’m a potential porn star.

I know all guys aren’t like this. I would never rate worthiness of the male species based on the sludge of MySpace surfers, but who needs a Valentine when the weirdos of cyberspace have so much to offer?

This is just one way to deal without having a Valentine. There is still a week left for the rest of you looking to find someone special to spend that day with. Or you could always wait for April 19 or July 10.

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USC kicker's autopsy out

Athlete was legally drunk at time of death

JOHN NADEL

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES - Mario Danelo's brother isn't convinced the Southern California kicker fell to his death last month, despite the findings of law enforcement.

The Los Angeles County Coroner's Office said in an autopsy report released Monday that Danelo was legally drunk at the time of his death, but couldn't reach other conclusions.

"Nobody knows what happened to him that night," Joey Danelo told The Associated Press in a telephone interview Tuesday. "I don't believe that he fell from the top of that cliff — no way. That's just my personal opinion. I don't believe that's what happened."

"There are countless scenarios that could have taken place to get him where he got. There was a cliff, there were internal injuries. The path of least resistance is he could have fallen. There are other possibilities that could have put him at the bottom of that cliff."

Danelo's body was found around dusk Jan. 6 more than 100 feet down a rocky cliff in San Pedro, within walking distance of the family home. Without elaborating, police said the following day that foul play was ruled out — that the death of the 21-year-old USC junior was either an accident or suicide.

USC won the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day. Several USC players said in the days after Dane-

lo's death that there was no way he killed himself. His brother agreed, and also was uncertain whether it was simply an accident.

"Things just don't make sense," Danelo's brother said. "It's confusing, there are no answers out there. We live one block away from those cliffs — we were down at the tide pools at the bottom of that cliff our whole life. ... He was familiar with that area."

The 29-year-old Danelo said he believes law enforcement ruled out foul play too early. The coroner's report said Danelo had to scale a wall before falling off the cliff.

"We don't know that he fell. We know there wasn't an argument between my dad and him," Danelo said, referring to a published report that his brother had a disagreement with their father, Joe, a former NFL kicker. "I'm not saying there was foul play, but I believe that's a possibility."

Danelo said his brother was out with friends, including a couple of college football players, the night before his body was found.

"They were all hanging out together," Danelo said. "All those kids were going back to school. Mario was to be back the following day. There was a reason for them to go out and have a good time. All those kids have been friends since elementary school and junior high."

"Everybody believes everything was just fine. We know that he was drinking, he wasn't driving his car. He wasn't breaking the law."

The autopsy report said Danelo left his house around 2 a.m.

on Jan. 6 without his wallet, cell phone and car keys.

"He was not heard from again, and his whereabouts were not known until the body was discovered," the report said.

Said Danelo: "The only thing we can think of is he just wanted to get some air."

The toxicological report accompanying Danelo's autopsy report found he had 0.23 blood-alcohol level, nearly three times the legal limit in California. No drugs were detected in his body.

The autopsy report said the cause of death was multiple traumatic injuries, but "because of the unanswered questions, we are stating the manner of death as undetermined," Deputy Medical Examiner Jeffrey Gustadt of the coroner's office wrote in the report.

Danelo was an outstanding kicker in his two-year career at USC, going 26-for-28 on field goals. He was 127-of-134 on extra points.

Danelo set NCAA single-season records with 83 extra points and 86 attempts in the 2005 season. He kicked two field goals in the Trojans' 32-18 victory over Michigan in the Rose Bowl.

A walk-on at USC in 2003, Danelo received a scholarship two years later.

"No matter what comes out of this whole thing, we're never going to get to see him again," Danelo's brother said. "That's the hardest part. Whatever the police reports say, the coroner's reports say, that doesn't matter. It's not going to bring him back."

Tim Pierce
Basketball; sophomore forward
After an ankle injury cut back on Pierce's playing time, the first-year Spartan led SJSU with 20 points in a win against conference foe the University of Idaho.

Pierce, a transfer student from Arizona State University, scored just 19 points combined over his five appearances in Western Athletic Conference games this season.

Shooting five-for-eight from three-point range, Pierce told reporters after the game that "the coaches told me to get my confidence back, play through any pain ... They let me know that they had confidence in me."



ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Raylyn Cardeno
Gymnastics; senior

In a season-best performance Cardeno won the vault event for the Spartans with a 9.850 effort against the University of Illinois at Chicago Feb. 1. Against UC Davis in 2006, Cardeno scored her first 9.850 on the vault, the third-best vault score in SJSU school history. Cardeno, majoring in health science, also placed fourth in the floor exercise, 9.650, a tie for Cardeno's SJSU career best. Despite the milestone for Cardeno and a season-high score for the Spartans, they fell to the Flames 193.250 to 195.350.

The Spartan Daily "Athletes of the Week" are chosen based on individual athletic achievement by San Jose State University NCAA or club athletes. Nominations are considered and voted upon by the Spartan Daily sports writers and sports editor. If you have concerns or considerations for this new feature, contact the Spartan Daily at spartandaily@casa.sjsu.edu.

SPARTAN BASEBALL TEAM UPDATE:

The SJSU baseball team defeated the University of San Francisco Dons, 6-1, in a non-conference game at the College of San Mateo. The game marked the second win for the Spartans and also the Dons' official season-opening game — due to construction at Benedetti Diamond field in San Francisco, the game venue was moved to San Mateo. The Spartans (2-2) will face the University of California-Santa Barbara this weekend in a three-game, three-day series at Municipal Stadium. In the 2007 pre-season poll, the Western Athletic Conference listed SJSU as No. 5 in the WAC among seven teams.

SJSU SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEKEND:

Thursday — Men's basketball v. Louisiana Tech University at 7 p.m. at the Event Center

— Women's basketball v. Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, La. at 7 p.m. CST

Friday — Softball v. San Diego State University in the UCR "Big Ten Construction Tournament" in Riverside, Calif. at 12 p.m.

— Baseball v. the University of California-Santa Barbara at 2 p.m. at Municipal Stadium

— Gymnastics v. Stanford University, Oregon State University and Iowa State University at Stanford at 7 p.m.

Saturday — Women's tennis v. University of California-Santa Cruz at 11 a.m. at the Spartan Courts

— Water polo v. University of California- Berkeley at 12 p.m. at the Aquatics Center

— Baseball v. UCSB at 1 p.m. at Municipal Stadium

— Men's basketball v. Boise State University at 3 p.m. at the Event Center

Sunday — Baseball v. UCSB at 1 p.m. at Municipal Stadium

— Softball in the UCR "Big Ten Construction Tournament" v. Northern Colorado, San Diego State University and UCR, game times vary

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Poetry contest- Winners’ work to be displayed in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library

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ourselves repeating the historical events that encompassed the lives of generations before us,” Escamilla said. “As students, readers and writers, we must surround ourselves with words from past poets and writers.”

Escamilla said we can learn a lot from the poets such as Markham and Bland.

“In a world manipulated by words and images, poets and writers must understand the past in order to build a better future, as language is our outlet,” Escamilla said.

Nellen said the poetry contest is a way of bringing these famous writers to the forefront since Markham and Bland were a part of SJSU’s history, and 2007 is the celebration of SJSU’s 150th anniversary.

“The reading program is look-

ing to build a culture of reading and that includes poetry,” Nellen said.

“... language is our outlet.”
-Rachelle Escamilla,
president of the Poets and
Writers Coalition

said. “The contest is a fun way to promote reading.”

Entries may be submitted to professor Nellen at sjsureads@sjsu.edu. Write “poetry contest submission” in the subject line. Poems must be sent by 5 p.m. on Feb. 16. For information about poem criteria, visit the Campus Reading Program Web site at <http://www.sjsu.edu/reading/poetry.htm>.

The grand prize is a \$100 gift

certificate to the Spartan bookstore, Nellen said. Two honorable mentions will each receive \$25 gift certificates to the bookstore as well.

Winners will be notified by March 23, and their works will be displayed in the Martin Luther King Jr. Library during the month of April as part of the celebration of National Poetry Month, Nellen said.

The winning students will also have the opportunity to read their

poems during a public reading of Edwin Markham’s poetry on April 23, Markham’s birthday. The reading will take place on the West side of Tower Hall by the plaques from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A list of other events planned in celebration of the National Poetry Month celebration and examples of Markham and Bland’s works can be found at the Campus Reading Program Web site.

Qayoumi- Revealed some of the educational, financial challenges in his native country

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thought kite flying was an American thing and when I read the “The Kite Runner” I discovered that it is quite a sport there.”

Qayoumi, who is the first president of a California State University of Afghan decent, believes that “The Kite Runner” brings the buried struggles and anguishes of his native country to the surface.

“I think books like this humanizes many aspects of my culture. Many people have only seen the war and not the beauty,” Qayoumi said.

Qayoumi finds that the novel brought up many important themes such as friendship, family and change, which play an important part of Afghan culture.

Not only did Qayoumi discuss elements of the book, he also enlightened the group on

some of the educational challenges his native country will face in the upcoming years.

Qayoumi said he has frequently visited Afghanistan since the American invasion to work on their financial systems. He helped build their “stable currency” and is now working on building up higher education.

According to Qayoumi, there are seven million children with no access to education and 400 schools have closed down in the



“I think books like this humanizes many aspects of my culture.”
-Mo Qayoumi,
president of CSU East Bay

past year because of the Taliban Regime.

“The economy has flourished in the past five years but still there is only \$16 million set aside for education expenditures. Qayoumi said, “That is about \$141 per student for a year.”

With his knowledge and experience in Afghanistan, Mo Qayoumi’s talk was only the beginning of many informative events



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ABOVE: President Kassing sits in on a lecture he hosted Tuesday in the Engineering Building.

LEFT: Mo Qayoumi, the California State University East Bay president speaks on the country of Israel and Khaled Hosseini’s novel “Kite Runner,” Tuesday in the Engineering Building.

for anyone interested in learning more about the backdrop of this story that is so popular on campus.

Annette Nellen, professor of accounting and finance, who is also the organizer of the reading program said, “This book worked

so well it really engaged a lot of people.”

Nellen also said there are more events to come including the play exclusive to SJSU that will be performed at the University Theatre.

A list of “Kite Runner” events can be found at www.sjsu.edu/reading

Lawsuit- Woman alleges harassment

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according to the lawsuit.

Carrasco’s lawyer, Ismael Perez, said Carrasco applied to work at the university several months after she was fired, and now works in a different department. The school’s online phone directory lists Carrasco as a custodian working in Housing Building Maintenance.

Carrasco, who lives just blocks away from campus, was not available for comment. Garcia could

not be reached for comment.

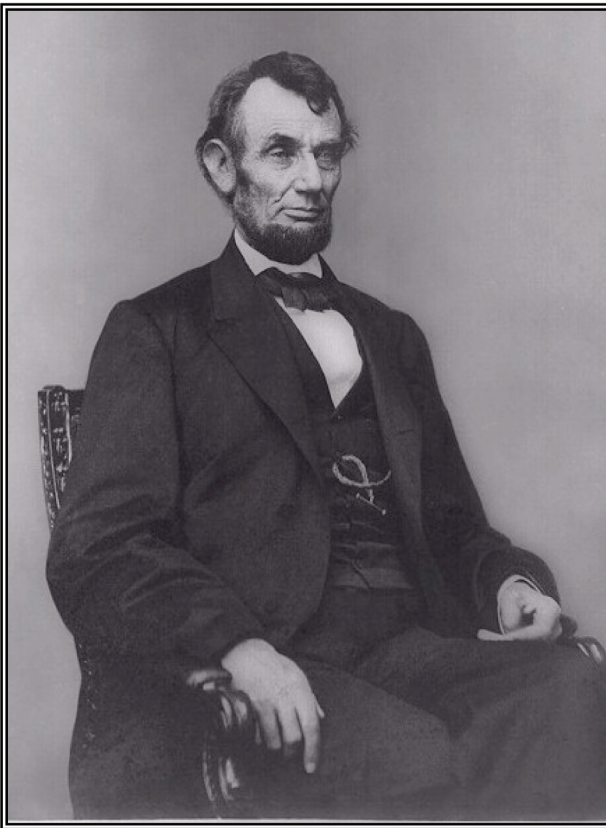
“She suffered emotionally and mentally from harassment and basically she’s seeking monetary compensation for those losses,” Perez said. He declined to say how much money Carrasco was seeking in the lawsuit.

Garcia, Carrasco’s alleged harasser, does not currently work as a janitor for the school, said Tony Valenzuela, associate vice president for Facilities Development and Operations, the department overseeing the school’s janitors.

Valenzuela could not say when Garcia stopped working for the school as a janitor.

On Tuesday, Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge Kevin McKenney asked the lawyers for both sides to return to court on March 1 to give him an update on the search for an independent mediator.

Perez said the lawsuit could be resolved within two months through mediation and up to eight months if both sides decide to bring the case to trial.



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Garages- Repairs, inspections regularly made

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or 1986.

“I think that the school should be required to consistently check the safety of the garage and any other building on campus,” said senior liberal studies major Mallory Bean. “It should definitely be up to ‘code,’ whatever that may mean.”

University President Don Kassing said in an e-mail that someday SJSU “would have to think about replacing” the garages.

“These buildings are so old they don’t meet the earthquake construction requirements,” Kassing said.

Kassing said that constructing additional levels to existing parking garages would not be a foreseeable option.

Tony Valenzuela, associate vice president of Facilities Development and Operation, said that students shouldn’t be worried about building safety when using one of the parking garages.

“We take seismic issues very seriously,” Valenzuela said.

Valenzuela said that when struc-

tures in California are damaged by a seismic event, such as an earthquake, the Seismic Review Board evaluates drawings of buildings around the CSU system in search of possible connections.

If a building was constructed similarly to a structure that failed, the university will be asked to review possible improvements and the structure will be put on a CSU priority list until it is repaired, Ven- ezuela said.

According to Valenzuela, the elevators on the 10th Street garage are currently being reviewed, though it is not considered an urgent structural situation.

“There’s a condition on the 10th street garage with how the elevator banks are tied to the structure,” Valenzuela said. “The review board has asked SJSU to put in some shock absorbers on the elevators to keep them safe in any drastic seismic movement.”

Senior Greg Brax, seeking a multiple subject credential in elementary education, said that he has felt Seventh Street garage move awkwardly when cars are driving

around on other levels of the structure, but isn’t too concerned.

“As far as earthquakes go, I don’t think there is anything to be alarmed about,” Brax said.

He concedes, however, that structural failure is still a possibility.

“A parking structure like this collapsed at Northridge,” Brax said.

SJSU geology professor Paula Jefferis-Nilsen said that students and faculty should be in the clear when it comes to the chance of earthquake damage, but believes nothing is absolutely certain.

“If there is an event on the San Andreas Fault or the Hayward Fault, then probably there wouldn’t be very much damage,” Jefferis-Nilsen said. “But it’s always difficult to say.”

According to Jefferis-Nilsen, the Northridge earthquake caused more damage because it occurred on an unidentified fault.

“You can build to the latest understanding,” Jefferis-Nilsen said. “But sometimes earthquakes produce so much energy that it’s unexpected.”

Man serving life released

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN JOSE— Charges were dropped against a man who served five years in prison after prosecutors conceded they were no longer certain he committed a 2001 robbery.

Jeffrey Rodriguez, 29, was serving a potential life sentence for the robbery of an employee behind a San Jose auto parts store. He was convicted under California’s three-strikes law.

“I just thank God,” Rodriguez said Monday, as he emerged from the San Jose main jail to waiting family members. Rodriguez walked free after officials in the Santa Clara County district attorney’s office dropped charges against him amid increasing indications that he had been wrongly convicted.

A new laboratory examination had cast doubt on a witness’s earlier assertion that Rodriguez’s jeans were stained with a mixture of oils that probably had come from the scene. Investigators also recently re-enacted the crime, which heightened their concerns the victim’s identification of Rodriguez was wrong.

The district attorney’s office was preparing to retry Rodriguez, whose conviction was overturned by the 6th District Court of Appeal last June.

Correction

In an article in Tuesday’s paper, named “U.S. soldier returns after year in Iraq,” there was a quote by Raye Murphy that said, “I got a phone call from a woman who was a steward- ess on Shawn’s flight to Kuwait and she told me that he had arrived safely,” Raye Murphy said. “(I) come to find out she is related to a friend of mine . . . we still keep in touch,” Raye said.

The word ‘I,’ in parenthesis in the second half of the quote, was inaccurate and should not have been included.

The Spartan Daily apologizes for this mistake and vows to eliminate such occurrences in the future.

-Editorial Board

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- Busy place
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- Long-eared animal
- Green Hornet's valet
- Mouths, in biology
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- Find the answer
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- Privileged group
- Shrew
- Greenish-blue
- Tentlike dwelling
- Brewery product
- Fluid rock
- Ajar
- Debonair
- Psyche
- components
- Utah city
- Wine stopper
- Hummed
- Little Richard's hometown
- Auto trim
- Lone Ranger movies
- Officer wannabe
- Like rich soil
- Miscalculation
- Authority (hyph.)
- Not clothed
- Platoon
- Razor-sharp
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Historians seek Chinese artifacts at beach

ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAPITOLA — Chinese fishing camp artifacts are the prize sought by historians preparing for an excavation project at a northern Monterey Bay beach.

An archaeologist will be on hand this summer to keep an eye on the dig at New Brighton State Beach, where historians expect to find artifacts from a Chinese fishing camp that thrived at the site from the early 1850s to the

1880s.

The California Department of Parks and Recreation will be making drainage improvements the beach, where a China Beach plaque was dedicated on Oct. 20, 1984.

“There’s no treasure here,” local historian Sandy Lydon said. “The treasures are the indications of the people who were here before; it’s their fingerprints on the land”

Development and fishing restrictions pushed the Chinese villagers out of the area by 1888, Lydon said. In

1933, the state purchased the beach and the land north of it for a state park.

“It could be anything,” city historian Carolyn Swift said of the potential from the dig. “It may not be valuable or useful, but it gets exciting to see a remnant of something.”

The name New Brighton State Beach originated from a campground east of the beach, which was meant as a tribute to the seaside resort of Brighton on the south coast of Eng-

land.

China Beach faded from memory, but Lydon hopes to revive the name and history.

“I have no question that the name China Beach belongs here,” he said.

An application to rename the beach is being reviewed by state parks officials in Sacramento, Santa Cruz parks district superintendent Dave Vincent said.

The three-month drainage project is expected to begin July 15.

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‘Ardent grammarian’ dies

Professor’s attention to detail will be missed

NICK VERONIN
STAFF WRITER

Joe Gilbert, former public relations professor at San Jose State University, died from pneumonia Jan. 16 after a long battle with Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s, according to Marjorie Gilbert, Joe’s wife of 61 years. He was 84.

But long before Gilbert passed away, he fought an entirely different kind of enemy: bad grammar.

“He was sort of old school in that he was just a fabulous editor,” said Bill Briggs, director of the school of journalism and mass communications at SJSU. “I don’t think a spelling mistake or a grammar mistake ever got past him.”

Marjorie Gilbert said that her husband had a distinct passion for his job.

“He taught for 14 years,” she said. “He just loved the teaching, he loved the interaction with the students. I think he just enjoyed every minute of it.”

Marjorie said her husband had been suffering from Alzheimer’s for about six years and Parkinson’s for about two before he came down with pneumonia, which he was unable to overcome due to his body’s weakened state.

Nevertheless, he will be remembered not only as an ardent grammarian but as a man well thought of by friends and colleagues.

Briggs, who worked with the Gilbert at SJSU, said that beyond his editorial abilities, “he was just incredibly helpful,” noting that even though Gilbert was an adjunct professor, he was willing to help out with pretty much anything, including advising the Public Relations Student Society of America.

“He pitched in any number of different ways,” Briggs said. “You know, he wasn’t getting paid for a lot of it, but he was always willing to help out.”

According to his wife, Gilbert was born in Bellingham, Wash., later moving to Orcas Island, Wash. The couple met at the University of Washington where Gilbert was attending through the Navy’s V-12 program — a program that paid for a participant’s college tuition while at the same time prepping the participant to become an officer. Shortly thereafter, he was sent to Cornell University, where he became a Navy officer. He served aboard

an assault personnel auxiliary ship during World War II and took part in the invasion of Okinawa.

After the war, he returned to finish his degree in journalism at the University of Washington, Marjorie said. They were married on Dec. 19, 1945.

Before coming to SJSU in 1983, he worked as the editor for two weekly newspapers, the Snohomish County Tribune and the Renton Chronicle, before leaving to work as public relations manager for Pacific Telephone, which is now AT&T. During this time, Marjorie said, he also worked with the Public Relations Society of America, and was, for a time, president.

Lori Gilbert, Joe’s daughter, who now writes sports for the Stockton Record said her father influenced her decision to become a journalist. She gives him credit for teaching her about the field and always backing her up.

She said that when she graduated from high school in 1976 she expressed her desire to write sports, a field of journalism where women were seldom seen.

“My dad never said, ‘Oh, you can’t do that,’” Lori Gilbert said. “So, he always supported what I wanted to do.”

“Everything that he did as a writer was about education,” she said. “That’s what he really emphasized for all of his kids. ... At night, at the dinner table, he would give us a new vocabulary word and expect us to have a definition by the next night.”

Lori, too, remembered her father’s hard-lined approach to the craft of journalism.

“When he was a teacher ... some of the students just thought he was way too hard on them,” she said. “He marked down every paper if there were grammatical or spelling errors.”

She said that the student’s used to get upset about this, “but for my dad that was just such a no-brainer.”

“I think in the business today there isn’t as much attention to detail,” she said.

According to Lori, her father made the decision to switch to public relations because the Gilbert family was growing and the money was better. Nevertheless, she said, he never lost his passion for journalism.

She said that when he started teaching at SJSU, even though he was only teaching one or two classes, he treated it like a full time job.

“My dad really loved San Jose State,” she said.



Art
from the
heart

LEFT: An art gallery exhibit displays a heart vase with roses in the Art building at SJSU on Tuesday. BELOW: An art gallery exhibit displays graphic masks in the Art building at San Jose State University on Tuesday.



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